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110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. RODRIGUEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. CONTRACTS WITH COMMUNITY MENTAL**  
2 **HEALTH CENTERS FOR PROVISION OF MEN-**  
3 **TAL HEALTH SERVICES.**

4 Section 1712A of title 38, United States Code, is  
5 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
6 section:

7 “(j)(1) The Secretary may enter into a contract for  
8 the provision of mental health services under this section  
9 with a community mental health center that the Secretary  
10 determines qualified to provide such services.

11 “(2) There is authorized to be appropriated for the  
12 purpose of entering into such contracts under paragraph  
13 (1) \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008, 2009, and  
14 2010.”.